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Applicant : George D. Hermann  
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ELEMENTS  
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Customer No. : 34704

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office  
Action mailed February 6, 2007. Please amend the  
application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.